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## leaving the city in great numbers. The camps and garrisons were also said to be full of traitors. The fullness and brutal policy which Chinese officials adopt in respect to the Chinese population, which affects the Empire. How can outlaws respect authority when its representatives use treachery and deception towards them? Snugglers and rebels must, of course, be put down, but there is a right and a wrong way of going to work to effect this. The Chinese officials seem to invariably choose the wrong one. They first attempt by fraud, snatching strongly of cowardice, to dupe the rebels, and then, having failed, they resort to force, and inflict punishment on the most savage and unrepentant of the rebels. This course only serves to deepen the hatred and confirm the contempt which the outlaws feel towards the officials. Snugglers and offenders of that ilk would be resolutely kept in check, but this is not to be done by brutal massacre or feeble temporizing, and so long as such conduct is pursued by the Authorities in China, so long will snugglers flourish and disaffection rear its head. Whether any and what measures have been adopted to nip this threatened revolt in the bud we are unable to state, but it is very probable that efforts will not be made to grapple with the danger until it has given more visible signs of its presence. Procrastination is the rule of life with Chinese officials, and their constant motto is, "Never perform to-day what can possibly be put off until the morrow."

It is not surprising that the Chinese Authorities are frequently robbed. Were the reverse the case there would not be room for astonishment. The officials are so intent on making a fat purse for themselves, so deliriously forgetful of the public good, that they are oblivious, if nothing else, of the frauds frequently committed on the Government. But they are not always simply careless of what is proceeding; they are too often prey to such transactions and share in the plunder. Such cases have been exposed many times, but in the majority of cases the offenders escape without notice, as there is frequently no one to direct attention to their malpractices. Occasionally the losses to the Government through the dishonesty of its officials are very heavy, and it would be impossible to estimate the amount which annually falls on this account, to reach the Treasury. But it must be very large. As a proof of the extent to which the Government in China suffers we may refer to a statement in our Foochow contemporary, according to which the actual loss incurred by the Police Government through the recent fraudulent contracts amounts to upwards of \$300,000. Of this large sum only a very small portion has been recovered from the delinquent officials, whose cases are now being considered at Peking. As usual in such cases, some of the parties concerned will, the Herald says, escape scot-free. The exposure in this instance was brought about by the new Futai, Tiao Jim CHANG, and it could be wished, for the sake of China's welfare, that there was a Futai like Tiao in each of the eighteen provinces. Official corruption is, unfortunately, too widespread in China to be very powerfully or permanently affected by the action of one vigorous reformer. His example, of course, stands out like a beacon to other officials in China, but until the system of administration is altered and the rate of remuneration to officials raised it is to be feared that he will be more admired than imitated.

Our Foochow contemporary gives the following list of steam passenger companies which have been established since the late war:

Steamship Co. Ltd. July 21. 43

Victoria Co. Ltd. Aug. 1. 47

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## SUPREME COURT.

October 4th.

BRONSON M. JUSTICE SHOWN.

CHAMBERS BUILDING CONTRACT.

TAI APAT AND ANOTHER V. G. U. SANDO.

\$1,000.—Mr. Bronson was for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Johnson for the defendant.

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